

# FORT PECK TRIBES

## Assiniboine & Sioux

October 15, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave SW  
Washington DC 20201

Re: **State of Montana's Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application Support Letter**

Dear Secretary Burwell:

This letter is support of the expansion of Medicaid in Montana. The impact to the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes would be great and would reduce the uninsured rate in our community for those who are without health coverage and alleviate a portion of the pressure on the under-funded Indian Health Services.

The Fort Peck Tribes are aware of the Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to implement the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) program that the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services submitted, as it was explained during the tribal consultation held by the Department in mid-August.

The Fort Peck Tribes support Medicaid Expansion and participated in the legislative process to get it passed through the Montana legislature. We hope for a timely and favorable review of the Waiver so that our community can begin to access the greater health care benefits provided by this Waiver.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



A.T. Stafne  
Chairman

cc: Dennis Four Bear, Tribal Health Director, Fort Peck Tribes